

# COLE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

## SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

PRESENT: Deb George, Tracey Louwagie, Cathy Boggs, Greg Cotton, Sharon Dendurent, Marie Schofer, Bob Meeker.

I. The meeting was called to order by President Deb George at 8:38 a.m., Room 326.

II. The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

### III. REPORTS:

A. PRESIDENT: Libraries, we have observed, are getting more attention and coverage in the media, which is a positive thing.

#### B. PUBLIC LIBRARIAN:

1. The Book Talk is ready to go on October 25th at noon, Room 108, Cole Library, second floor. Bookmarks are available for distribution to help spread the word.
2. The "Read Down" program has been a win/win success. \$840.90, in fines, were Read Down. The library gets the material back in circulation and the Patrons get back in the library.
3. Cathy reported to the Mt. Vernon City Council on library activities and programs.
4. Cathy received a surprise donation of \$125 from a satisfied person whose children had used the library this summer.
5. Dianne Osmun's presentation on Alzheimer's was very informative and helpful.

#### C. LIBRARIAN:

1. We reviewed the financial report as of 9/24/18.
2. The "Acquisition" line of the budget continues to decline. It has been as much as twenty thousand dollars and is now about eleven thousand. One reason for the decline is that buying less is one obvious way to balance the budget.
3. The library is proceeding with remodeling room 108, which will include curtains, paint, and carpet.
4. The college replaced two water fountains in the library.
5. "Bridges" content is available.

### IV. MAJOR BUSINESS:

1. Policy Review. We review each of the library's policies every three years. This month we reviewed and approved the Volunteer Policy.
2. The Monday Morning Eye Opener, from the State Library of Iowa, featured "Banned Books Week". Cole Library joined the promotion by having readers get their pictures taken, "line up" style with the banned book they are reading.
3. Board of Trustees group picture was taken.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 16th at 8:30 a.m. in Room 326.

Adjournment: 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted;  
Bob Meeker